

# *Lynchburg Sheriff's Office*



2020 Annual Report

# Lynchburg Sheriff's Office

## Our Mission:

To promote an atmosphere of safety and cooperation within the Judicial System for all citizens of Lynchburg, while providing a safe and secure environment for all judicial officers, victims, witnesses, jurors, visitors, and defendants in order to maintain the sanctity of the courtroom process which promulgates justice for all.

To protect the citizens of Lynchburg through security measures involving medical evaluation and criminal transports and to respect the dignity and rights of all those transported.

To process and serve all civil process in a timely manner ensuring and enforcing the rights of every citizen.

To discharge all obligations mandated by Federal, State, and Local Laws, while maintaining professional standards and integrity in public service.

## Our Purpose:

To provide our citizens and judicial system with qualified and competent services in public safety and security, while partnering with other law enforcement agencies and civic leaders within the Lynchburg community. To utilize innovative and creative methods to educate, assist, and involve the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office within the Lynchburg community.

## Our Values:

### Leadership

The Sheriff's Office provides safety, security, and service for our citizens, courts, and those we transport. We value competent and caring leadership demonstrated through teamwork, problem solving and community involvement. Innovative leadership directs the Sheriff's Office for the future, down the right path and doing the right things. We not only want to make good decisions, but we want to make the right decision. Competent leadership helps us to accomplish our mission and it is leadership you can trust.

### Service

The Sheriff's Office is dedicated to serve and service the Lynchburg community through teamwork. We value competent, professional and courteous service and security demonstrated through our staff. Our key service is public safety in the courts, in the city, and to our citizens. We provide our services with care and concern.

### Order

The Sheriff's Office duties are to provide an orderly and safe environment for the uninhibited function of the judicial process. We value order in the performance and professionalism of our duties. Order demands standards of integrity and ethical behavior by which we align our actions and access the accountability of our actions. Order provides structure and strength to all those engaged in protecting the constitutional rights of every individual.

*Sheriff Donald T. Sloan*  
2020

The following details, activities, events, and accomplishments in 2020 show the continued community involvement of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office under the leadership of Sheriff Donald T. Sloan who took office on March 31, 2017. Sheriff Sloan has made it his priority for the sheriff's office to assist the city of Lynchburg, the Lynchburg Police Department and to engage our city elementary schools by providing highly trained deputy sheriffs to serve beyond their mandated duties in areas of need within our city. Working hand-in-hand to serve our citizens and provide protection for our community is Sheriff Sloan's vision.

The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office maintains office hours Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise posted during the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. The Sheriff's Office is closed, but on-standby, during all state holidays recognized by the Governor of Virginia.

### **Mandated Duties**

The primary mandated duties of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office are three-fold involving civil process, courtroom/courthouse security and transportation of prisoners and mental commissions by court order. These duties consume the majority of manpower and equipment utilized by the Sheriff's Office in carrying out these daily functions.

### **Civil Process**

Total civil process / warrants served for calendar year 2020.	68,544
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The following is a breakdown of civil process / warrants served:

Subpoenas	35,026
Criminal Warrants	14
Jury Summons	1,556
Levies	27
Other Civil Process Served	31,921

## **Courtroom Security**

Uniform deputy sheriffs provided physical security for Circuit Court, General District Court and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court with each court located in a separate facility. Each court facility has two active courtrooms and judges and accounted for 1,313 court days in 2020. No major security breach or incident occurred within the courthouse facilities in 2020 other than COVID 19.

The court days for each court facility were broken down as follows:

Circuit Court	400
General District Court	319
Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court	594
Total Court Days	1,313

During 2020 Lynchburg courts had 142,456 visitors.

## **Field Training**

All deputies are consistently cross-trained on each courtroom and courthouse and their individual complexities. Field training is in addition to the training deputies receive at the local law enforcement or jail basic academy. Field training is a vital component of hands-on training, which each new recruit receives. This involves supervised assignments in each of the three courthouses, handling civil process papers and transportation of prisoners and mental commissions. Prior to being released on their own each new recruit is trained in each mandated area to the required DCJS standard by the field training deputy and supervising Captain.

## **Part-time / Hourly-Wage Deputies**

Part-time deputies have handled courthouse security since October 2002. These duties were taken over by the Sheriff's Office from Wackenhut Security in agreement with the City of Lynchburg. This has provided enhanced security for all courthouses by manning each entrance station with an armed and academy certified deputy sheriff. Many of these part-time/wage deputies are retired police officers or retired deputy sheriffs from Lynchburg or surrounding counties. Each security checkpoint is equipped with a walk-through metal detector operated by a

part-time deputy sheriff. Hand-held metal detectors are also utilized at each security checkpoint. In 2020 part-time deputies from the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office were deployed in protecting all court facility entrances. They were also involved in annual law enforcement and civil process in-service training, firearms and other specialized training conducted by the Sheriff's Office. The goal of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office, through education and enforcement is to reduce the number of confiscated items through visible and physical means of security by encouraging court participants to come to court without contraband.

### **Clerk of the Circuit Court Security Checkpoint**

On July 01, 2013 the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office initiated a security checkpoint for the entrance of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. This position is also manned by part-time deputies. It had become apparent that the need for extra security at the entrance to the Clerk's Office was long over-due and the implementation of this security checkpoint has provided much needed peace of mind for employees and visitors. There were 33,706 visitors to Circuit Court and 23,768 visitors to the Clerk's Office during 2020. In 2020 personnel of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office stopped 1,018 items from entering the Clerk's Office which included 3 firearms, 595 knives, 239 tear gas/pepper sprays, 171 tools/box cutters/razor blades, 7 stun weapons, and 3 kubatons.

### **Live-Scan Fingerprint Station at General District Court**

On July 01, 2020 the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office provided uniform assistance to General District Court, funded by the city of Lynchburg, for manning a Live-Scan Fingerprint station for 20 hours per week or an additional 520 hours for the last six months of 2020. This was implemented due to the law change requiring General District Court to immediately fingerprint individuals involved in court. This also assisted those citizens involved in court proceedings to be immediately directed to the fingerprint station from the courtroom without leaving the General District Court facility. During the first sixth-month period a total of 153 fingerprint cards were printed along with 14 DNA tests administered by court order.

### **Transportation-Prisoner & Mental Commissions**

Uniform members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office transported inmates and individuals in protective custody throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia without incident or escape in 2020. All transports were accomplished in a timely, caring and professional manner.

Total Transports	366
Criminal Transports- noted in above total	310
Mental Commissions to other hospitals in state	1
Temporary Detention Orders	54
Extraditions	1

### **Summons and Tickets Issued**

The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office's primary duties are civil; however, traffic and criminal infractions committed in a deputy's presence are handled according to the Code of Virginia and deputy discretion. In 2020 there were 2 uniform summonses issued for traffic offenses, 2 barred from property notices and 64 parking tickets. The following is a breakdown of what was issued.

Traffic Summons	2
Barred/Banned from Property Notice	2
Parking Tickets	64
Total Traffic/Parking/Notices	(68)

### **Additional Duties**

The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office provides assistance with the following additional duties in order to assist the City of Lynchburg and specifically the Lynchburg Police Department. The main areas of assistance involve out of town Temporary Detention Orders, out of town Capias/Warrants, out of town Juvenile Detention Orders, Extraditions and City sponsored events. In 2020 the Sheriff's Office handled the following additional duties:

### **Temporary Detention Orders (TDOs) 54**

These 54 TDOs were taken from a local hospital in Lynchburg and transported to another mental health facility within the Commonwealth of Virginia. This transportation process involved 108 uniform deputies which allowed 108

uniform police officers to stay in Lynchburg policing our city streets in 2020.

## **Extraditions**

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Extraditions involve those wanted individuals who are (extradited) picked up outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia but are within the confines of the United States. There was one extradition handled by the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office in 2020.

## **City Sponsored Events**

The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office provided uniform deputy sheriffs to work city-sponsored events for traffic and crowd control for a total of 11 overtime slots filled by deputies working 45 hours during limited city events in 2020. These events were drastically reduced due to COVID 19. These city events do not include other off-duty jobs worked by uniform members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office.

*City events worked by deputies in 2020 included:*

Resolution Run 2020	January 26, 2020	5 Deputies
CMN Car Show	July 25, 2020	3 Deputies
Christmas Parade	December 06, 2020	3 Deputies

## **Assistance to Lynchburg Police Department**

The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office provides assistance to the Lynchburg Police Department (LPD) and other agencies as a matter of routine. While performing state mandated duties, deputies monitor the police departments radio frequencies and will respond to assist as needed or whenever police officers call for extra help.

### ***Assist with foot pursuit on Johnson Street***

On March 16, 2020 at approximately 8:30 a.m. two members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office responded to officers of Lynchburg Police Department's call for assistance with a foot pursuit. The individual sought by the police department was brought into custody and members of the sheriff's office cleared the scene.

### ***Child left unattended in parked vehicle in Kroger Parking Lot***

On March 17, 2020 a member of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office, serving Civil Process in the Boonsboro area of the city, was notified by an employee of Kroger's that a child had been left unattended and alone in a car parked in their parking lot. The deputy checked on the welfare of the 2- to 3-year-old child who was in their car seat, playing, and was found without any signs of distress due to mild weather conditions. The car was locked however the child was vulnerable to abduction being left alone. The deputy had the Kroger's employee take the license plate number and make an announcement in the store for the owner to return to their vehicle immediately. Approximately 10 minutes later the mother of the child returned and was advised of the hazards of leaving their child like this. The deputy then cleared the area and returned to their duties.

### ***Barricaded Subject / Shots Fired on Skyview Place***

On April 6, 2020 at approximately 4:00 p.m. two members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office assisted officers of Lynchburg Police Department with a barricaded subject who had been firing shots in the area of his home. Sheriff's Deputies provided perimeter security while other police units were being deployed. The subject was finally arrested by members of the police department with no further incident and deputies were released from the scene at 6:30 p.m.

### ***Assistance to Citizens***

On April 17, 2020 a member of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office assisted a local family with a young adult having a medical emergency of agitation and confusion. Initially the parents thought their family member was under the influence of something. After trying to speak with the young adult the deputy requested an ambulance and a police officer dispatched to their location to preform a welfare check on the person in need. The medics, who arrived on scene, felt it medically necessary to transport this young adult to the Lynchburg General Hospital for treatment. The parents remained throughout the encounter.

### ***Motor Vehicle Accident***

On May 8, 2020 three Lynchburg Sheriff's Office deputies assisted on Fort Avenue during a vehicle accident with a utility pole causing low hanging live powerlines. Deputies blocked intersections and provided traffic control assisting police officers and medics on scene.



### ***Fifth and Federal Incident and Civil Unrest***

On Sunday May 31, 2020 through Sunday June 07, 2020 an incident at 5<sup>th</sup> and Federal street in downtown Lynchburg turned from a peaceful protest into civil unrest involving property damage. Members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office, along with several other agencies, were called-out to assist Lynchburg Police Department with perimeter and building security while they handled crowd control. Approximately 10 - 15 deputies were assigned each evening after normal duty hours to assist the police department securing areas as needed. Chief Ryan Zuidema and his team guided the city and their partner agencies through this difficult time assisting in bringing it to a peaceful conclusion.

### ***Assist with arrest of disorderly and threatening subject in James Crossings***

On August 11, 2020 a member of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office serving civil process papers heard radio communications of a disorderly and threatening subject in the James Crossings area with Lynchburg Police Officers in route. Contact was made with the disorderly/threatening subject who was placed under arrest by an officer from Lynchburg Police with assistance from a member of the sheriff's office.

### ***Traffic Control / Calming at Paul Monroe Elementary School***

Paul Monroe Elementary School staff requested sheriff's office assistance with traffic control for the opening days of their school on October 6, 2020 and again on October 8, 2020 for traffic calming and driver compliance. A deputy from the sheriff's office was assigned with a marked unit on each day from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to ensure the safety of all children, pedestrians and traffic calming.

### ***Capias Served***

Lynchburg Sheriff's Office deputies served 14 civil capias during 2020.

### **Community Services**

The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office continues our positive engagement and involvement through community events/projects/programs in 2020 which was limited due to the COVID 19 pandemic and drastically reduced personnel participation. The ongoing programs of *Lynchburg Project Lifesaver*, *We Share Because We Care*, *First Step Elementary School program*, *One Community One*

*Voice's BIKE program* and others where deputies engage and interact with school children, adults and other community members allowing them to see the positive side of law enforcement.

### ***Prescription Drug Take Back Program***

On October 24, 2020 three deputies from the sheriff's office participated in the Prescription Drug Take Back Day held at the Kroger grocery store located at 4119 Boonsboro Road from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. A booth was set up outside the store where unused medications could be turned in for destruction along with sheriff's office informational pamphlets regarding the Lynchburg Project Lifesaver program. During the 4-hour-event, 32 lbs. of unused prescription / over the counter medications were turned in. The prescription drugs were bagged and transported to the Virginia State Police Headquarters Division 3 location in Appomattox.



## Lynchburg Project Lifesaver



Lynchburg Project Lifesaver began in April 2002 and became operational in June of that year. The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office is the lead agency in Lynchburg with assistance from the Lynchburg Police Department. Lynchburg Project Lifesaver utilizes state-of-the-art tracking technology to bring loved one's home who suffer from Alzheimer's, Autism, Downs Syndrome and other related Mental Dysfunctional Disorders. Since its inception search teams from Lynchburg Project Lifesaver have conducted 101 successful searches and safe returns of missing residents within our program. The average time of safe return is under thirty minutes once the search has been initiated. Some victims of these mental disorders, who wander from their care provider or care facility, can walk up to 4 miles in an hour and depending upon weather conditions their survival rate diminishes to 50 % after the first 24-hours. Thus, it is paramount for our community to find these victims of these terrible mental disorders or diseases in a timely manner. The Project Lifesaver motto of "Bringing your loved one's home" is not just a motto, **but is our mission** for the family's and victims who suffer from these Disorders.



## **Lynchburg Sheriff's Office at The National Night Out Event**



During 2020 Lynchburg Project Lifesaver search teams had one successful search and safe return of a client who wandered from home.

Lynchburg Project Lifesaver served an average of 34 clients in 2020 with this state-of-the-art life-saving technology. Lynchburg Sheriff's Office deputies who are assigned project lifesaver clients make monthly in-home visits with each of their clients and care-giver to test and verify that all equipment is functioning properly and to address any concerns family members or guardians may have. During 2020, due to COVID 19 these visits continued but were modified by deputy use of Personal Protective Equipment involving masks, gloves and gowns. Clients with COVID 19 symptoms were served by their caregiver under the direction of a "socially distanced" deputy who verbally directed needed battery changes. These professional visits continue to build rapport between the client, caregiver and our deputy.

This personal encouragement to our Lynchburg Project Lifesaver families helps them realize that they are not alone and that we are here to walk with them in their time of need.

## **Lynchburg Project Lifesaver Annual 2020 Fundraiser**

Lynchburg Project Lifesaver has been in existence since 2002, and over the past 18 years has been able to provide state-of-the-art tracking protection for those participants who wander and become lost due to Alzheimer's, Autism, Down syndrome, or some other cognitive disorder. Since its inception, Lynchburg Project Lifesaver has been successfully activated 101 times to *locate participants* that have wandered, with a 100% success rate of finding and returning them all safely home.

Over the past several years, Lynchburg Project Lifesaver has held annual fundraisers which have allowed the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office to provide this protection at no cost to those Lynchburg citizens in need.

However, in 2019 the venue where the annual fundraiser had been held for the past 10 years closed its doors. While searching for a new location, the COVID-19 pandemic surfaced and halted any possibility of holding the 2020 fundraiser. With the loss of this annual fundraiser, the "no cost to citizens" aspect of our program was placed in jeopardy. Even with the surfacing of the COVID-19 Virus, requests to be enrolled in the Lynchburg program increased, which has placed a strain on the inventory needed to place participants in the program.

In February 2020, Chief Deputy Tommy Carter, President of Lynchburg Project Lifesaver, Inc. applied for a grant through the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation requesting funding for additional *Receivers* for search personnel and additional *Transmitters* to enroll more participants. A GREAT BIG THANKS goes out to the Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation for on June 23, 2020 we were notified that our application had been approved and that Lynchburg Project Lifesaver would receive a \$5,000 Grant towards the purchase of new receivers and transmitters.

Thank you, Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation, for your financial support. Lynchburg Citizens will continue enjoying the benefits of the Lynchburg Project Lifesaver program as needed and at "no cost" and with new receivers and transmitters because of your financial partnership. The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office is pleased to continue offering this life-saving program to our citizens in need through the support of our partners in protection.

## Community Relations and Community Engagement

Members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office have had limited participation in community events due to COVID 19 restrictions. Our continued effort to develop new and improve on existing relationships and to provide better service to our community continues to be a primary focus.

### We Share because We Care 2020

In December 2016 the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office began the "*We Share Because We Care*" program to bless others by building bridges and relationships with deserving members of our local community.

In our *Fifth-Year* through the continued partnership with the Regional Manager from Sodexo at Liberty University and the Store Manager at Ward's Road Walmart the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office was able to provide a whole Turkey and all the Fixing's for a special Thanksgiving meal delivered to 24 deserving families in the city of Lynchburg. On November 25, 2020 we had the honor of delivering 24 Turkeys and the Fixing's to these deserving families identified by our local school principals, teachers and pastors.

Due to the COVID 19 restrictions we were not able to serve a sit-down meal together in 2020.

However, even with the restrictions due to COVID 19 Dr. James E. Coleman Jr., Chairman of the Lynchburg City School Board, Delegate Wendell Walker 23<sup>rd</sup> district, Sheriff Sloan and his son John-Wesley and deputies from the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office delivered 24 turkey-meal boxes to these deserving families. We continue serving others at this event in order to "Bless Others and Break Down Barriers" between public safety and our community, showing them, *We Care!*





## We Share because We Care 2020 – “Turkey Brigade”



## **Lynchburg Growth Through Opportunity Program**

Due to the outbreak of COVID 19 the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office suspended the Lynchburg Growth Through Opportunity Cadet Apprenticeship Program (LGTO) on March 17, 2020 until further notice.

The Lynchburg GTO program began in 2018 by a collaborative effort between the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office, Lynchburg Police Department, Lynchburg Fire Department, Blue Ridge Regional Jail Authority, YMCA-Downtown and the Lynchburg Office of the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services. Member agencies previously hosted cadets once a week providing opportunities to experience various tasks, learn about roles and responsibilities within each agency, and provide training relating to personal safety.

The primary goal of the GTO program was to provide the skills needed to secure competitive employment for participants in a job of the cadet's choice. An additional goal was for first responder agency personnel to learn how to minimize fear and anxiety for citizens with disabilities and their families. Cadets worked alongside police officers, firefighters, sheriff's deputies, and corrections personnel to gain invaluable work and life skills. Additionally, cadets learned about local community resources and participated in daily physical training in collaboration with the YMCA-Downtown.

### **First Step**

In April 2017 the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office initiated a pilot program in conjunction with Lynchburg Elementary Schools. This pilot program involved five of the eleven elementary schools in Lynchburg during the last six-weeks of the 2017 school year. During each school day, a uniform deputy from the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office visited each of the five elementary schools in order *to provide an added layer of visible security and to foster new and positive relationships* between our children and local law enforcement.

The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office received overwhelmingly positive responses from the school administration, faculty, staff and especially the children regarding our visits. The Sheriff's Office formally joined "*Partners in Education*" with our elementary schools and in the fall of 2017 fully



implemented the “FIRST STEP” program in all city elementary schools. However, due to COVID 19 the First Step program has been limited due to schools being closed and students at home in 2020.

However, during the elementary school closures Sheriff’s deputies, in marked units, parked in front of each of the eleven elementary schools performing an exterior check while students were away due to COVID 19. These security checks were done in conjunction with each deputy’s regular tour of duty in the field while they were serving civil process court papers.

### ***Men 2 School Events***

On January 6, 2020 14 members of the Lynchburg Sheriff’s Office participated in the Men 2 School event to welcome students back to Linkhorne Middle and Elementary School and several of the other city elementary schools.

On August 19, 2020 Sheriff Sloan and Chief Deputy Carter participated in the Men 2 School “*Welcome Back Students*” video for our city schools. The videotaping took place at the Prayer of Faith Temple located at 3100 Hill Street.



### ***BIKE Events with One Community One Voice (OCOV)***

*Believing-In-Kids-Excelling* is an excellent ***incentive-based-program*** developed by One Community One Voice in partnership with Lynchburg Police Department, Lynchburg Fire Department and Lynchburg Sheriff’s Office where elementary school children are selected for a new bicycle based upon their Academics, Attitude, Attendance, Citizenship and Perseverance. Due to COVID 19 this program was affected due to school

closures.

***However, a total of 32 bicycles were earned*** by city elementary school children from the 2020 BIKE program. Sheriff Sloan and members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office participated in the BIKE program presentations to award and congratulate recipients. Assembled events took place on January 10, 2020 at Heritage Elementary School and Perrymont Elementary School with 8 bikes awarded to students. On January 15, 2020 4 bikes were awarded at Dearington Elementary School and on January 17, 2020 4 bikes were awarded at R S Payne Elementary School. Bikes were again awarded on July 17, 2020.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions on November 23, 2020 seven (7) Bikes were delivered and awarded to students at their residence accompanied by members of the sheriff's office, police and fire departments and city school administration. On December 8, 2020 presentations were made outside at Dearington Elementary School where 4 students were awarded their bicycle by OCOV members who encouraged and congratulated each recipient.



### ***Reading and Special Events at our Elementary Schools***

On February 20, 2020 8 members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office participated in the "*Donuts with Dad*" event that took place at Sheffield Elementary School. Sheriff Sloan made a brief presentation to the students and their fathers.

On February 26, 2020, Sheriff Don Sloan and Chief Deputy Tommy Carter made a presentation to a class of 16 students at the Elizabeth's Early

Learning Center. The presentation covered the background and history of the sheriff's office followed by class participation in a treasure hunt. All 16 students were appointed junior deputies and received a sheriff's badge sticker.

On March 2, 2020 two members of the sheriff's office participated in the Read Across America event held at Sheffield Elementary School by personally reading to two different classes.

On March 10, 2020 members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office participated in the Lynchburg City School Men or March Program. The event focused on fathers, grandfathers, uncles, male figures, and community leaders coming together to share a sweet treat and a positive influence with a student.

On May 27, 2020 three members of the sheriff's office participated in the "Last Parade" for the students at Sheffield Elementary School. Three marked sheriff's vehicles along with other city vehicles and other decorated vehicles participated in a parade which had each vehicle involved following a specified bus route normally utilized to pick up Sheffield students.

On July 25, 2020, two deputies from the sheriff's office participated in the One Community One Voice "*Building Our Community*" event celebrating the new school year. A tent was set up with community services literature available for free displayed.

In December 2020 six members of the sheriff's office read one of their favorite Christmas story books which was video-taped and made available to our elementary schools for student viewing.

### ***Lynchburg Police Department Community Cook-Out***

On September 2, 2020 two members of the sheriff's office participated in the Lynchburg Police Department cookout community event that took place at the recreation center located at the intersection of "D Street" and Rivermont Avenue. There were approximately 24 citizens of which 14 were children at the function along with 17 police officers for the two-hour-event.

### ***Law Enforcement National Night Out Against Crime - Photos on Pg. 11***

October 6, 2020 five members of the sheriff's office participated in the National Night Out Against Crime event that took place in Lynchburg, Virginia. Due to COVID 19 the event was restricted in attendance numbers and held at two locations. Two deputies attended the event that took place at the Maple Ridge Apartments while two deputies attended the event that took place at Three Fountains sub-division. In addition to Sheriff's Office deputies, members of the police department, fire department, some city council members and Lynchburg Commonwealth Attorney Bethany Harrison attended. Sheriff Sloan visited residents at both locations and enjoyed the food and fellowship.

### ***White Rock Cemetery Clean Up***

On October 23, 2020, November 5, 2020 and again on November 9, 2020 members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office spent a total of twelve hours assisting Lynchburg Police Department, Lynchburg Fire Department, Lynchburg Public Works and students from Liberty University in cleaning up White Rock Cemetery. It is the first African-American cemetery in Lynchburg and is the final resting place of many Civil War Era, WWI and WWII veterans. It is a treasure trove of history that has been tucked away in White Rock Hill and fallen into disrepair. Some of the tombstones are so old that the dates cannot be determined. We are honored to honor and acknowledge these American heroes with our time.





### ***Halloween Trunk or Treat – One Community One Voice***

October 31, 2020 two deputies in marked sheriff's vehicles with trunks full of candy participated in a One Community One Voice event titled "*Trunk or Treat*". The two-hour event took place in Miller Park on a beautiful sunny day. Lynchburg Police Department, Lynchburg Fire Department and others were involved in this wonderful community event handing out candy to our children and making "sweet" friends!



### ***Real Men Wear Pink – American Cancer Society Fund Raiser***

The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office, for the first time, participated as a sponsor in the American Cancer Society Real Men Wear Pink fundraising event. This life-saving event took place during the month of October which was Breast Cancer Awareness month. The event, coordinated by Chief Deputy Tommy Carter, consisted of a show of total departmental support by all members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office wearing a pink mask. The (ACS) American Cancer Society ribbon was placed over top of a sheriff's office badge and displayed in the corner of the mask. All local sponsors were listed on the ACS Real Men Wear Pink website, and of the 12 sponsors the sheriff's office ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in fundraising by raising \$1,542.01 in donations. Donations were received from members of the sheriffs' office, police department, City employees, and members of the Lynchburg community for which we say "Thank You" for supporting a GREAT cause!



### *Highway Marker Unveiling Ceremonies*

On November 14, 2020 three members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office along with Mayor MaryJane Dolan and Virginia University of Lynchburg Chief Operations Officer Treney Tweedy, Ambassador Sawyerengera, Malawi First Secretary Ms. Alinage Chikande, and Dr. James E. Coleman participated in the unveiling ceremony of a Commonwealth of Virginia Highway Marker on the grounds of the V.U.L campus.

On November 28, 2020 Chief Deputy Tommy Carter and Captain Mark Lacy of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office participated in the unveiling ceremony of the Commonwealth of Virginia Highway Marker honoring Ms. Lucy Harrison Miller Baber who was instrumental in overhauling Virginia's Juvenile Justice system. The marker was placed in front of the Lynchburg Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court located at 909 Court Street. Family members of Lucy Baber, Juvenile Court Judge Cary Payne, Interim City Manager Reid Wodicka and other members of City Council were present for this event.





### ***Christmas Parade escort at the Summit on Enterprise Drive***

On December 8, 2020 Sheriff Sloan and three other members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office secured intersections on Enterprise drive in order to lead the Summit Christmas Parade for residence living in the community. The path of the parade encircled the whole Summit facility and Enterprise drive concluding on Summit property. A Lynchburg Fire truck and other vehicles were involved in the parade to the delight of those unable to leave their residence due to COVID 19 restrictions.

### **Training**

During 2020 all members of the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office participated in required in-service training, such as firearms and legal updates, mandated by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. Training and Re-training continues for NARCAN, Blood Borne Pathogens, Cultural Diversity, and the Use of Force which were taught to satisfy Virginia Law Enforcement Professional standards. Members of the Sheriff's Office receive general and specialized training as noted below:

NARCAN Instructor Training  
General Instructor  
Consular and Diplomatic Immunity  
Lawful Employment Practices  
Line of Duty Death Benefits  
Field Training Officer Training  
Defensive Driving/Van Safety  
Domestic Extremists  
Autism Recognition  
AR15/M16 Armorer Certification  
Active Shooter Training  
1<sup>st</sup> Line Supervisor Training  
FBI Leadership Fundamentals

Media Relations  
Glock Armorer Certification  
Project Lifesaver  
Civil Process  
Courtroom Security  
VALEAC  
Advanced Civil Process  
School Safety Training  
Fentanyl Training  
Bomb Threat Response  
Monadnock Baton  
Defensive Tactics  
Excited Delirium

### **Crisis Intervention Training and Certification**

The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office's core Values of "Leadership", "Service", and "Order" are reinforced by having our deputies attend a one-week training class on "Crisis Intervention Training". This 40-hours of specialized training teaches each deputy how to interact and de-escalate situations that could occur during their tour of duty. These occurrences range from everyday minor events, altercations, domestic situations, attempted suicide, hostage situations, as well as many other potentially volatile situations. This course is currently a non-mandated training requirement, but the training provides the deputy with an extremely effective tool to use when needed.

The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office has approximately one-fourth of the entire office certified as Crisis Intervention Trained (CIT) deputies, with a future goal of 100% CIT deputies certified. The Chief Deputy attended the CIT supervisor course and is now certified as a Crisis Intervention Supervisor.

CIT certified deputies work at locations where crisis intervention is needed and utilized. Locations such as the Lynchburg General Hospital emergency room is a good example. In 2020 Lynchburg Sheriff's Office Crisis Intervention certified deputies logged over 411 hours working at the emergency room.



## **Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Accreditation**

In 2020 Accreditation Manager, retired Campbell County Sheriff's Office Captain, Cindy Caldwell continued to successfully maintain and manage the Lynchburg Sheriff's Office's annual accreditation compliance verification reporting process by review and implementation of new policies as directed by the Sheriff and Code of Virginia. Ensuring the training and dissemination of policies to all personnel.

Accreditation is considered the elite measure of professionalism among law enforcement agencies. The Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission is governed by an executive board composed of six Sheriff's selected by the Virginia Sheriff's Association and six Chiefs of Police selected by the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). The VLEPSC program of accreditation promulgates a comprehensive set of standards that require compliance with 190 standards and over 700 points of professional practice. These standards are recognized as a "best practices" protocol for all law enforcement agencies.

VLEPSC Accreditation sets the standards by which an agency must continue to operate in order to retain this highly coveted status. These professional standards must become a routine way of conducting Sheriff's Office business. There are required annual compliance verification and reporting, with an on-site re-accreditation assessment scheduled every four years.

The mission of the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission is to advance law enforcement professionalism through the establishment of professional standards and the administration of a formal mechanism by which Virginia agencies can be systematically measured, evaluated, and updated. The Commission goals include: *To increase* the effectiveness and efficiency of law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth of Virginia in the delivery of services; *To promote* cooperation and coordination among all components in the criminal justice system; *To ensure* the appropriate level of training for law enforcement personnel; *To promote* public confidence in law enforcement; and *to promote* the professionalism of law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

## Concluding Remarks

The Lynchburg Sheriff's Office supports, cooperates, promotes and engages within all aspects of city government and the public safety community in order to do-our-part in serving and protecting our fellow citizens. As Edmund Burke wrote in the mid 1700's, "***All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing***". As "*God's ministers for good to you*" (Romans 13:4) we choose to be a part of the solution by making a difference today and tomorrow for all citizens *living, working and playing* here in Lynchburg.

